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SUBJ: WHEAT PURCHASES

1. FOREIGN OFFICE CONVEYED FOLLOWING TO ECONOMIC COUNSELOR. LARGELY BECAUSE OF SHORT-FALLS IN ANTICIPATED DELIVERIES GOB IS CONCERNED ABOUT ITS SUPPLIES OF WHEAT. CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO SENDING GUITON (SENIOR GOB OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR WHEAT SUPPLIES) TO WASHINGTON FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH SENIOR US GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS; HE MAY BE SEEKING SAME GUARANTEES ON SUPPLY.

2. ARGENTINE DELIVERIES OF WHEAT ARE SHORT. THERE IS EXPECTATION THAT SHORT-FALL MAY BE 300 TO 400 THOUSAND TONS. GUITON IS EXPECTING TO GO TO ARGENTINA IN NEXT WEEK OR TWO TO DISCUSS THESE PROBLEMS.

3. ON AUGUST 8 GOB WILL MAKE REQUEST FOR TENDER OF 300 THOUSAND TONS OF WHEAT. EXPECTATION IS THAT SUPPLIES WILL BE DELIVERED FROM US AND/OR CANADA. IN ADDITION TO THIS TENDER GOB WILL ALSO BE IN THE MARKET FOR ANOTHER 500 TO 700 THOUSAND TONS WITH DELIVERIES IN NOVEMBER PROVIDED THAT GOB

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EXPECTATIONS ARE FULFILLED ON EARLY DELIVERIES OF THE A) 300

THOUSAND TON TENDER OF AUGUST 8, AND B) THE 150 THOUSAND TONS THAT ARE EXPECTED FROM ARGENTINA.

4. GUITON WOULD EXPECT TO MAKE TRIP TO WASHINGTON AFTER AUGUST 20. THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF EARLIER DEPARTURE IF UNANTICIPATED DIFFICULTIES ARISE ON DELIVERIES OF WHEAT IN AUGUST, SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER.

5. COMMENT: GOB IS CONCERNED THAT THERE MAY BE PROBLEMS ON DELIVERY OF WHEAT IN THE AMOUNTS AND DURING THE TIME SPAN THAT IS REQUIRED. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF APPOINTMENTS COULD BE ARRANGED WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS THESE ISSUES WITH GUITON. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING CONFIRMATION FROM WASHINGTON THAT SUCH APPOINTMENTS CAN BE SET UP. IT WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL TO RECEIVE ANY ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION THAT WASHINGTON CAN PROVIDE.

6. WE ASSUME THAT GUITON WILL ALSO BE VISITING OTTAWA AFTER HIS DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON. DECON 2/6/74  
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